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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one month from January 26, 2004 to February 26, 2004 within which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated November 26, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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